GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1252
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2004
INTER LINKING OF RAIL ROUTES IN M.P.
Bisen Shri Gauri Shankar Chaturbhuj

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of priorities regarding interlinking of rail routes;

(b) the distance between Katangi and Tirodi in Madhya Pradesh which is yet to be linked by rail;

(c) the details of rail route is proposed between these two places;

(d) whether a primary survey has been conducted for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details of instructions issued for a detailed survey in this regard; and

(f) the status of gauge conversion between Nainpur and Seoni?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1252 ASKED BY SHRI GAURISHANKAR CHATURBHUJ BISEN FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 15.07.2004 REGARDING INTER LINKING OF RAIL ROUTES IN M.P.

(a): There is no defined guideline for interlinking of rail routes. However, proposals are considered based on operational and other considerations of taking up new lines and gauge conversions which at times provide interconnection between routes.

(b) to (e): A reconnaissance engineering -cum-traffic survey was completed for Katangi-Tirodi new line in 2001-02, as per which the cost of construction of this 15.36-km long line was assessed as Rs. 34.39 crore with a rate of return of (-) 10.51%. The proposal could not be taken up due to non-remunerative nature, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and constraint of resources.

(f): Seoni is a station on Nainpur-Chhindwara narrow gauge section. The preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey conducted in 2003-04 for conversion of Nainpur-Chhindwara (139.6 Km) section from narrow gauge to broad gauge has revealed that the cost of the project would be about Rs. 228.22 crore with a rate of return less than (-) 5%. In view of non-remunerative nature of the project, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it has not been considered feasible to consider the proposal for the present.